



Spring 2021 Georgia Milestones For Elementary Students

April 2, 2021

Dear Parent or Guardian,

This spring, students in Grades 3-5 will take the Georgia Milestones End-of-Grade (EOG) Assessments to measure achievement in English Language Arts and Mathematics, with students in Grade 5 also taking an EOG measure in Science. While the tests measure each individual student's mastery of the curriculum during the school year, this year's results will help teachers and schools better understand the impact COVID-19 has had on learning and identify what resources and supports our students will need in the coming school year.

Students in Grades 3-5 will be administered Georgia Milestones assessments on the following days.

May 10 5 th Grade ELA – Section 1	May 11 5 th Grade ELA – Sections 2 & 3	May 12 3 rd Grade ELA – Section 1	May 13 3 rd Grade ELA – Sections 2 & 3	May 14 5 th Grade Math
May 17 4 th Grade ELA – Section 1	May 18 4 th Grade ELA – Sections 2 & 3	May 19 3 rd Grade Math	May 20 4 th Grade Math	May 21 5 th Grade Science

NOTE: Each school will also offer make-up opportunities after each initial administration that are not shown on this calendar. Make-up sessions are reserved for students that miss the regularly scheduled test for medical reasons or extenuating circumstances.

The results of the Milestones assessments for Grades 3-8 are never factored into a student's subject grades. Although state law typically requires students in Grades 3 and 5 pass the ELA and Math Milestones to be promoted to the next grade level, **the Spring 2021 EOG's will not be used in the process of determining grade-level promotion or retention for the next school year.** As a result, EOG retests will not be offered to students in Grades 3 or 5 this year following the main administration.

The Georgia Milestones assessments are primarily multiple choice with some open-ended response questions in ELA. You can view the types of questions used by visiting <http://gaexperienceonline.com>. Using this same site, your student can practice using the testing platform.

Please encourage your child to do his/her best on these tests. Please try to avoid test days for scheduled appointments that would remove your child from school. Attendance and prompt arrival to school are important to your child's success. If you have any questions, please reach out to your teacher or your local school counselor for more information.

Thank you,

Dr. Joy Viness